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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Reported Concern of the Director on Lack of
Reaction to IDEALIST/TACKLE Missions C325C
and C335C, 28 and 27 May Respectively

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1. [] at the morning DDS&T Staff Meeting, reported, based on the pilot's report [], that there appeared, on the small amount of information available at this time, to be little or no reaction to the [] Mission C325C. [] was also left with the impression that C335C also received little reaction. Subsequent to [] staff meeting cables were received, [] providing further information on Mission C325C. Though the information received on both of these missions is still only in the very preliminary stages of analysis and only a small percentage of the total anticipated information has been received, it appears that the reaction to both of these missions was normal in all respects. Fighters were active against the mission aircraft on both missions, types and numbers not yet known; [] was moderate to heavy on both missions, as anticipated. On at least one occasion []

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[] Reports on the photographic readout, [] should be received by Headquarters by 2 June, where a final analysis can be initiated on both of these missions and ready for the Director probably before close of business 7 June.

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2. While preparing this memorandum I was asked by [] to talk with him for a few minutes. I took the available cable traffic on these missions with me and explained to [] that subsequent to [] briefing this morning additional information had been received, which indicates that the reactions to the missions were normal and as we anticipated. [] thanked me for the information and was in the process of contacting Mr. Knoche to correct the impression that he left with the Director that there was an unusual lack of Chicom reaction to these missions, which the Director, in turn, interpreted as being significant. At 1130 this morning I met with [] of ONE, repeating to them essentially the same information provided [] I called [] to notify him that [] was in the process of contacting Mr. Knoche to correct the mistaken impression the Director may have received at this morning's Director's Meeting. [] had been told by [] who, in turn, had been told by Admiral Raborn, to consider the alleged lack of Chicom reaction and its possible significance.

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